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THE late Marshal de Vauban was so famous in Europe for his great Ability in fortifying Places and directing Sieges, that we think the Publick will not be displeas'd with the following Account of him taken from the *Paris Mercury*.

From the *Mercur* for the Month of April.

SEbastian le Prestre de Vauban, Lord of Bazoches, Vauban, Pierre-Pertuis, Pouilly-Cervon, la Chaume, Epiry, and other Places, Knight of the King's Orders, Marshal of France, Grand-Cross of the military Order of St. Lewis, Commissary General of the Fortifications of France, and Governor of the Citadel of Lisle, died in Paris the 30th of March 1707, in the 76th Year of his Age.

He was Son of Urban le Prestre Lord of Vauban. He married Jeanne d'Onoy of the Family of the Baron of Epiry in Nivernois: She died in 1705. He had by her two Daughters; the eldest is married to John-Baptist de Megrigny, Count de Villebertin, Nephew of M. de Megrigny Governor of the Citadel of Tournay. The younger was married in 1691 to Lewis Bernin Marquis d'Uffe in Touraine, Comptroller General of the King's Household.

The Marshal de Vauban went into the Service in the Year 1651. He first carried a Musquet in the Regiment of Conde: At that time that Regiment was in a Party that oppos'd his Majesty's Government. He remov'd afterwards into the Regiment of Horse of M. du Montal, who was of the same Province as himself, and made him a Lieutenant. Being taken Prisoner, Cardinal Mazarin advis'd him earnestly to enter into the King's Service. He follow'd his Counsel, and had a Company given him in the Regiment of Foot of la Ferte. He receiv'd two Wounds in the Siege of Srenay; one in his Body, the other in his Face, the Scar of which remain'd very visible. In 1657 he serv'd as Ingenier in the Siege of Montmedy under the Marshal de la Ferte, who was so taken with him, that he said openly, *this young Fellow will one Day attain the chief military Honours*. In 1667 he had the Direction of all the Sieges the King made that Campaign; and from that Time constantly had the Direction of all the Sieges his Majesty made in Person, as also of many others under the Generals commanding his Majesty's Armies; namely those of Aire in 1676, of St. Guislain in 1677, of Luxembourg in 1684, of Philipsbourg in 1688, of Charleroy in 1693, of Aeth in 1697, and of Brisack in 1703.

His Majesty committed to his Care all the Fortifications of the Kingdom; and made him several considerable Gratifications. He gave him 4000 Louis d'Or after the Siege of Maestricht in 1673: 75000 Livres after the Siege of Valenciennes: 75000 Livres after the Siege of Ghent: 33000 Livres after the Siege of Luxembourg: 100000 Livres after the Siege of Mons: And after the Siege of Namur, his Majesty did him the Honour to let him dine with him at his own Table, and gave him 120000 Livres.

He was made Major-General in the Year 1676,

and Lieutenant-General in 1688. Tho' his principal Employment was the Direction of Sieges when he serv'd in the Armies, yet he had the Pay of Major-General or Lieutenant-General. He commanded the Troops at Dunkirk in 1689 in Quality of Lieutenant-General. In 1693 he was made Grand-Cross of the Order of St. Lewis, and in 1694 and 1695 he commanded in Chief in the 4 Bishopricks of the lower Britany. He was made Marshal of France in 1703, and Knight of the Order of the Holy Ghost in 1705.

I must not omit, that in 1668 the King conferr'd on him the Government of the Citadel of Lisle, which was built by his Direction. In 1680 his Majesty gave him the Government of Doway, which he sold in 1682 to M. de Pommereu Captain of the Guards for 150000 Livres. In 1684 the King conferr'd on him a 2d Time the Government of Lisle, upon the Removal of Mr. du Meis from thence to Gravelines.

To his military Qualities was joyn'd a Love for Literature, and Beneficence to Men of Letters. This was the more valuable in him, because he made no Ostentation of it, nor would even suffer the Learned whom he befriended to make him any publick Acknowledgments. He gave one Proof of this rare Modesty a little Time before his Death, refusing to have the History of Prince Ragotski (which is but newly publish'd) dedicated to him.

The Academy of Sciences, of which he was a honorary Member, causing a Solemn Service to be perform'd for him, as their Custom is on the Deaths of their Members, the whole Society appear'd at it, which was never known before; and above Fourscore Men of Literature were counted there.

From the *Mercur* for May.

The 4th of May the Royal Academy of Sciences assembled, and M. de Fontenelles their Secretary read a Funeral Oration in Praise of the deceas'd Marshal de Vauban.

Among other things, he said of him, That in Sieges, he chose rather to make them long, and to acquire the less Glory, than to lavish the Blood of the Soldiers in too rapid Conquests; and little heed'd the Blustering of the Courtiers, who safe and at their Ease talk'd of pushing on more furiously. The Time of Peace was not a Time of Rest to the Marshal de Vauban; he employ'd it in cultivating the Mathematicks, as a Science best suiting his Profession, and particularly that Part of the Mathematicks which relates to War. He put together in his *Hours of Leisure* (the Title he gave to 12 large Volumes in Folio of Collections that he left behind) whatever concerns Fortification, the good Conduct of military Forces, the Direction of a Siege, and divers other Matters. Some Time before he died, he presented to the King a Manuscript, of inestimable Value in the Judgment of the most knowing Persons, about Fortifications and the Manner of attacking a Place; and designing it solely for his Majesty's own Use, he told him when he put it into his Hands, that for that Reason he had forbore to have it printed. The Marshal de Vauban's Good Nature appear'd principally in the Care he took all his Life to ease the Soldiers and to advance the Officers. When he

he found Merit and Valour in Officers, he became their Patron; and did not content himself with barely recommending them, and making them Offers of Services; but his Purse was open to them at all Times, and he took a Pleasure to prevent their asking, and even to devine their Necessities: And when he had exercis'd his Liberality towards them, he was tender of their Modesty, and careful to spare them the uneasy Task of making submissive Acknowledgments, which Men of Honour are often forc'd to go through when they receive Favours from others, by telling them it was fit he should distribute among them what the King's excessive Bounty had render'd superfluous to him.

M. de Fontenelles wound up his Oration by telling the Assembly, that the Marshal de Vauban had built from the Foundation 30 Places of strength within the Kingdom, among which the Citadel of Lille is to be admir'd for a Masterpiece of Art, he having taken Particular Pains in fortifying it; that he repair'd 300 other Places; that he had the Direction of 120 Sieges; and was present in 150 Actions of Vigour.

I think fit to add to M. de Fontenelles's Character of this great Man, that when he heard the King design'd to promote him to the Dignity of Marshal of France, he made his Suit to his Majesty that it might not be conferr'd upon him, least that Title should be any Obstacle to his being employ'd under other Generals wherever his Service might be necessary: And when the King persisted in his Resolution to crown his Services, he besought his Majesty to have no Regard to his new Dignity, but to employ him in the Quality of Lieutenant-General in Sieges or other Occasions, in which his Knowledge in War might be any way useful.

Never Acted there before.
For the Entertainment of his Excellency the Muscovite Ambassador.

AT the Queen's Theatre in the Hay-Market, to Morrow being Tuesday, the 10th of June, will be Reviv'd a Comedy, call'd, The Fortune-Hunters; or, Two Fools well met. The Parts of Sir Wm Wealthy by Mr. Bullock, Elder Wealthy by Mr. Mills, Young Wealthy by Mr. Wilks, Sham-Town by Mr. Pack, Littlegood by Mr. Bowman, Spruce by Mr. Norris, Maria by Mrs. Oldfield, Sophia by Mrs. Bradshaw, Widdow Sly by Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Spruce by Mrs. Bicknel. Being the last time of the Company's Acting this Season.

These Plays are Sold by J. Knapton at the Crown in St. Paul's Church-yard, and B. Lintott next Nando's Coffee-House, Temple-Bar.

Left on Thursday last in a Hackney Coach that took the Gentleman up over-against the Cock and Rummer in Bow-street Covent-Garden, and set him down at White-hall-gate, a large Silver gilt Sword, with Figures of Men on Horseback on it, and a Plain strong Silver gilt Handle and a hollow Blade. If the Coachman or any Person that found it will bring it to Mr. Blaney's Sword-cutler near the Royal Exchange in Cornhill, they shall receive 40 s. for their pains.

Between Temple-Bar and St. Clements Church, next Door but 2 to the Anchor Tavern, is a double House to be Let, by Lease or by the Year, containing a large Shop, Closets in all the Rooms, 4 Story high, with Leads on Top, large Cellars, and a Vault under-ground. Inquire at the next Door a Perriwig-Makers Shop, or at Mr. Benard's House at Doctors-Commons.

Loft the 7th Instant in or near Exchange-Alley, 4 Bank seal'd Bills of 100 l. each, N^o. 7610. dated October 31. 1706. N^o. 9994. dated December 30. 1706. N^o. 9995. dated ditto, N^o. 3538. dated April 28. 1707. Payment being stop'd at the Bank they are of no use but to the Owner; you are desir'd to bring them to the Exchange Coffee-house in Cornhill, and you shall have 2 Guineas Reward.

Loft out of a Chariot between Portsmouth and London, or left in the Seat of the Chariot by Mrs. Johnson of Greenwich, on April the 30th or 31st 1707, an Indian Dimmy Gown, lin'd with White Crape, and fitch'd with Natural Colour Silk, directed to Mr. or Mrs. Barriden at the Blue-Ball in Bow-street, Covent-Garden. If any Body can give notice, so that it may be had to Mr. Barriden, or to Mr. Metcalf at the Eagle and Child in Ludgate-street, shall have a Guineas Reward; or if sold their Money again.

Loft between Bridgewater-Square and Goswell-street, on Friday about 9 in the Evening, a little Liver-colour'd and White Spaniel Dog, with a Blaize on his Forehead, long Ears, a White Bushey Tail, and the Hair cut close on the Back, with a Scar of a Burn on his Right Shoulder, inclinable to the Mange. Whoever brings him to Mrs. Serjant's a Plummer in Red-Cross-street, shall receive 10 s. Reward.

A fine young Gelding for Coach or Chaise, and a fine Mare for Saddle fit to carry 16 Stone, and a strong useful Pad, are brought to Town to be sold at the Red-Hart in Fetter-Lane.

Under the Gate-Way at Brewers Key next to the Tower, in Cellars Numb. 1. 2. and 3. is to be sold Extraordinary new French Prize Clarets upon the Gros Lee. Where Attendance is constantly given till all is sold.

For Sale by the Candle.

To Morrow the 10th of June 1707, will be Expos'd to Sale at Lloyd's Coffee-house in Lombard-street, beginning at 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon precisely, the following French Brandy and Cork, (Taken and Condemned as Prize) viz. 45 Pieces and 40 Half Hogheads of True, Neat Bourdeaux Brandy, and 32 Bundles of French Cork; free of all Duties, being entire Parcels (Just Landed.) The Brandy to be seen in a Warehouse (Number 60.) and the Cork in a Vault (N^o. 102.) in Wiggins's Key Gateway, to the Hour of Sale, from 7 to 12, and from 2 till 7. Catalogues may be had at Lloyd's Coffee-house and at the Places aforesaid. Sold by John Styles, Sworn-Broker.

A Catalogue of Books, being the Library of a Person of Quality lately deceas'd, consisting of a curious Collection of the most Eminent English Authors in most Arts and Sciences, which will begin to be sold by Auction on Thursday next, being the 12th Instant, at the East-India Coffee-house over-against the East-India-House in Leaden-hall-street. Catalogues are deliver'd at Mr. Keble's at the Black Bull in Cornhill, at most Coffee-houses near the Royal Exchange, and at the Place of Sale.

Ministers Gowns and Cuffs, Silk and Worsted Sashes, Lawyers Gowns, Livery-Gowns and Hoods, and all sorts of Gowns for Mayors and Aldermen of any Corporation in England: Sold by Anthony Ingram Robe-maker at the Sign of the Gown and Livery-hood in Paternoster-Row near the North Gate of St. Paul's Church, who hath of them ready made by him, and Sold at reasonable Prices. And also Black Cloth and Prunella sold for Ministers wear.

A New Copy-Book of the English-French and Italian Capitals. Price 1 s. Also the Writing-Master's Assistant, largely enlarg'd, and a Preface by Col. Ayres. Price 1 s. 6 d. Both by Robert More. Sold by the Author at the Hand and Pen in St. Paul's Church-yard, London, and by several Booksellers.

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The Royal Chymical Wash-Ball for the Hands and Face, largely experienc'd and daily commended by all that use them; and that for making the Skin so delicately soft and smooth, as not to be parallell'd by either Wash, Powder, Cosmetick, &c. it is indeed a real Beautifier of the Skin, by taking off all Deformities, as Tetters, Ring-worms, Morpew, Sun-burn, Scurf, Pimples, Pits or Redness of the Small-pox, &c. keeping it of a lasting and extrem Whitens, it soon alters red or rough Hands; and is admirable in Shaving the Head, which not only gives a more exquisite sharpness to the Razor, but so comforts the Brain and Nerves, as to prevent catch-Cold; and is of a grateful and pleasant Scent, without the least Grain of Mercury. Is sold only by Mr. Allnut, Glover, the corner of Popes-Head-Alley against the Royal Exchange; and at Mrs. Giles's, Millener and Toyshop next Hercules-Pillar-Ally by the Temple, at 1 s. each, with printed Directions at large.

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